

THS Star Ralph Clifford Chooses Grid Over Stage

It looked like football had lost a great lineman when it was announced that Ralph Clifford, Torrance High's All-Bay League tackle, had been offered a scholarship to the Pasadena Playhouse, renowned center of Theatre Arts.

But Ralph told the Herald Friday that he has turned down the \$700 scholarship and will enroll at the University of California at Berkeley in September on a football scholarship. Clifford, whose 237 pounds of dynamite helped Coach Cliff Graybill's '53 Tartars roll up their most impressive season, is also a talented thespian. His appearances on the stage at Torrance High include the role of Teddy Roosevelt in the comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace," and others.

Gets Scholarship

The big tackle applied for a scholarship to the Pasadena Playhouse and got it — \$700 worth — for two years of study. Theatre and gridiron looked in a mighty battle. The Playhouse, one of the foremost schools of dramatic arts, is not exactly world-famous for its football teams, in fact, it doesn't



RALPH CLIFFORD Chooses Golden Bears

have a team to its name. Cal, on the other hand, manages to put together quite a formidable phalanx of young men each fall. And the lure of cheering thousands conquered the attraction of the footlights

in Clifford's mind. He'll covet for Pappy Waldorf in '54. Ralph has decided to major in engineering at Cal and continue his drama on the side.

Kasten Gets SC Bid

Elsewhere along the scholarship front, Big Don Kasten, Tartar All-Bay League fullback, has been offered a scholarship to USC. Ed Powell, All-CIF tackle, has had feelers from the University of Utah. Neither boy has decided what he will do yet, however.

Most of the rest of the '53 Tartar machine will join El Camino's Warriors next season. Clifford came to Torrance last year from his hometown—Boston—where he also had experience in high school dramatics. It was this experience, plus his local roles, which qualified the big bruiser for the Pasadena School.

It didn't take long for Clifford and his partner, All-CIF Powell, to establish a reputation as two of the roughest rock-ribbers in the Bay League during the '53 football season. Ralph also was named commissioner of athletics at the school this year.

Clerks Run Win String to Four

The Marine Clerks ran their victory streak to four without a loss in the city softball league Wednesday night by treating the Walteria Businessmen to an 8-0 blanketing at Torrance Park. The Clerks will have a fight on their hands tomorrow night at the park when the second-place Pre-Cast Concrete team will attempt to unseat the league leaders.

In Wednesday's game, the shotgun arm of Clerk flinger Hank Olson stopped the WBmen with two hits—by Dan Moon in the second and LeRoy Schonert in the sixth.

Six Walteria misuses helped the Clerks pile up their eight markers. The Clerks led by a slim 3-0 margin until the sixth, then erupted for five runs on three hits, three walks, and two errors. Sam Capelle, who slapped three for three for the evening, started the rally with a single to left and Bob Schroder climaxed it with a two-run single. Jim Jackson's double to left helped add weight to the spurge.

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Little Leagues
June 6, Sunday—Graves at Cubs; Pirates at Dodgers.
June 8, Tuesday—Cubs at Cards.
June 9, Wednesday—Pirates at Giants.
June 10, Thursday—Braves at Yankees.
June 11, Friday—Dodgers at Tigers.
June 12, Saturday—Yanks at Cubs; Tigers at Pirates.
June 13, Sunday—Giants at Dodgers; Cards at Braves.

Softball
June 7, Monday—Longren Aeros vs. Dow Styron; Marine Clerks vs. Pre-Cast Concrete, Torrance Park.
June 9, Wednesday—Walteria BMA vs. Harbor Hornets, Torrance Park.
June 8, Tuesday—HR Sportsmen vs. Optimists; Rotary vs. Legion, Torrance Park.
June 9, Wednesday—Lions vs. Moose; Walteria BMA vs. Jr. C. of C., Walteria Park.
Blue Streak
June 10, Thursday—Lutheran Men vs. Local 1135; Walteria Methodist Church vs. E. 12th St. Dept. A, Walteria Park; Torrance Gardens vs. Midland Rubber, Torrance Park.

Second Round of Alondra Golfers' Tourney To Open

The second round of play in the Alondra Park Golf Club championships is to open tomorrow and run through June 13.

After the third and fourth rounds, which will last until June 27, the finals will be played on July 11 for all flights, 36 holes. Winners in qualifying, held recently, were: first low gross—E. Clements, 70-71 (141); second low gross—E. Teffeller, 72-72 (144); third low gross—H. Cook, 72-73 (145); first low net—C. Slack, 83-100, (183-58-125); second low net—J. Reed, 81-85 (166-46-126); third low net—F. Martek, 80-78 (158-24-134).



WHAT IS IT? ... Oh, it's only Al Coast proudly displaying his most recent trout catch measuring 21 1/2 inches taken from Crowley Lake, Nice looking fish. The fish, by the way, is the horizontal one.

OPPORTUNITY

Semi Retired, well known artist recently moved here has a few paintings, large and small. Because lack of room must be sold soon. Way below former prices. A good painting is always a pleasure and a growing treasure. Have a painting made from your favorite snapshot and have your old painting touched up.

William Brenner

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10,000 Boys In Municipal Baseball Play

A summer-long baseball program in which approximately 10,000 boys are participating is now underway at more than 100 Los Angeles municipal playgrounds. It was reported yesterday by the City Recreation and Park Department.

Superintendent of Recreation William Fredericksen Jr. announced that play has started for more than 600 Little League teams staffed by leaders 12 years of age and under; 150 midjet division teams made up of "stars of the future" 12 and 13 years old; 250 junior division teams comprised of Stan Musials and Bob Leons 14 and 15 years old; and 125 teams whose rosters list tomorrow's diamond greats in the 16 and 17-year-old bracket.

Sports

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Lions Maul Chamber, Go Into Second

Mott Farrell's Lions Club roared into second place in Service Club standings Wednesday by dumping the Junior Chamber of Commerce 4-0 to crack a second place tie.

The Lions and the Junior Chamber had been tied for second with two wins and one loss each. The Lions are now breathing heavily down the necks of the long leading American Legion squad, which is undefeated.

The Legion draws a breather Tuesday when they argue with the fourth place Rotary Club at Torrance Park. In Tuesday's first game, the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen take on the Optimists.

Rotary pulled a minor upset Wednesday when they nailed the Moose to the wall 11-3 to leap into a tie for fourth with the Sportsmen.

The loss plunged the Moose into a deadlock for last place with the hapless Walteria BMA.

Softball
Jr. C. of C. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Lions 4 0 2 0 0 0 1 0
Pre-Cast Concrete 2 1
Harbor Hornets 1 2
Walteria BMA 1 3
Dow Styron 0 3

Standings

SOFTBALL	W	L
Marine Clerks	4	0
Longren Aeros	2	0
Pre-Cast Concrete	2	1
Harbor Hornets	1	2
Walteria BMA	1	3
Dow Styron	0	3

BLUE STREAK	W	L
Fire Dept. B	4	0
National Blues	4	0
Midland Rubber	3	1
Torrance Gardens	2	2
Local 1135	1	3
Methodist Church	1	3
Fire Dept. 1	1	3
Lutheran Men	0	4

SERVICE CLUB	W	L
American Legion	4	0
Lions Club	3	1
Jr. C. of C.	2	2
Sportsmen	2	2
Rotary Club	2	2
Moose Club	2	2
Optimists	1	3
Walteria BMA	1	3

Firemen Stay in Knot With Blues For League Lead

The Fire Department B team and the National Blues remained in a deadly deadlock for first place in the Blue Streak league today after wins over their respective opponents in Thursday play.

The Firemen singled the Torrance Gardens team 9-4 at Walteria Park and the Blues demolished the Walteria Community Church 10-2 at Torrance Park. Each has won four and lost none.

If the two teams remain unbeaten until June 11, a real classic is in the making. They'll clash at Torrance Park.

In another Thursday fray, Midland Rubber stamped the winless Lutheran Men 10-2.

The B Firemen plated four in their first inning and grabbed three more in the fifth to put the game on ice. The Gardeners were, in the meantime, scoring singles in alternate frames.

The National Blues bunched 10 smashes into the first two innings to score nine runs and demolish the churchmen, who were stopped cold with four hits.

The Blues crashed 15. In a ding-dong affair Friday eve, the Fire Department A team scored six runs in the last three innings to win their first game of the season over the City Workers. Score of the tussle was 8-7.

The lead bounced back and forth like a tennis ball. The Firemen broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth by scoring three runs to take a 5-2 lead, but the Workers came back in the sixth for four runs and a 6-5 bulge. But three more by the Firemen won it for them in the last two innings.

Walteria Church 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 R H
National Blues 8 4 0 0 1 0 0 0
Roe and Williams 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Hood and Swanson 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Fire Gardens 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

UCLA Honors Grid All-American VP OF HALDIALE SCHOOL NAMED IN TOP GRID II



MEMORIES ... Memories of his All-American days at UCLA may creep into Johnny Ryland's mind once in a while as he sits at his vice-principal's desk at the Haldiale Ave. Elementary School — memories of the years he spent knocking them down from the center post on the '36, '37 and '38 editions of the Battling Bruins. The Bruins of today remembered Johnny Ryland recently when the Young Men's Club of Westwood Village named him one of the 11 outstanding men in the football history of the school. Ryland, a hero of the war, was given All-American mention on the Associated Press team in 1938, besides making all of the All-Coast squads. He played almost 60 minutes full during his last season when his substitute was injured, forcing him to fight on offense and defense for 575 out of the 600 minutes the Bruins played that year.

"Once an All-American, always an All-American," might well be the slogan of John Ryland, vice-principal of the Haldiale Avenue Elementary School.

Ryland, an All-American third string choice at center for UCLA in 1938, was honored recently by the Young Men's Club of Westwood Village which named him one of the eleven outstanding men in the football history of UCLA.

The 11 were honored at the club's annual dinner, a \$10 a plate affair. Usually, the club honors some important figure in the current Bruin lineup, but this year, they decided to do something a bit out of the ordinary.

Invite 11 Top Men

They invited as honored guests the eleven men whom they considered outstanding in the football history of the school. Sam Balter, the radio and TV announcer, read the histories of the 11—men like Bob Waterfield, Mike Marienthal, Lennie Berge

First Out of 265

Out of the 265 candidates who took the test, Johnny Ryland was Number One.

Ryland played center for UCLA in '36, '37 and '38, and was an "Iron Man" during his last season. In that year, his ankle was injured in the first week and Ryland played 575 out of the 600 minutes of playing time registered by the team. No platoon in those days!

When the war came, Ryland became a Major in the Marine Air Corps and was seriously injured in a plane crash. His arm was paralyzed for six months and doctors thought they would have to amputate his leg, which had been badly crushed.

Courage Pulls Him Through

But the courage that earned him All-American honors on the gridiron pulled him through the long months in the hospital. After his release, he flew for three more years and piloted his plane in the South Pacific Theatre of Operations.

Ryland lives with his wife, Harriet, and three children, Robin, 11; Terry, 9 and Jack, 3, at 18053 Faymish Ave. His two older children attend the Evelyn Carr School.

Other achievements of the former Bruin make an impressive list—president of the student body at Van Nuys High School; president of the Men's Student Body at UCLA; and president of his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Torrance can well be proud of Johnny Ryland, All-American.

Outboards to Spray

Sea-going mixmasters roar into action in the second annual Southeast Cities Sweepstakes Regatta at Long Beach Marine Stadium on Sunday, June 20, sponsors disclosed recently.

Kids Win Prizes, Fish at Alondra

Torrance Huck Finn, Becky Thatcher Win Awards

Huck Finns, Becky Thatchers and just plain fishermen crowded Alondra Park yesterday morning to vie for costume prizes and try to catch one of 500 tagged fish placed in the waters.

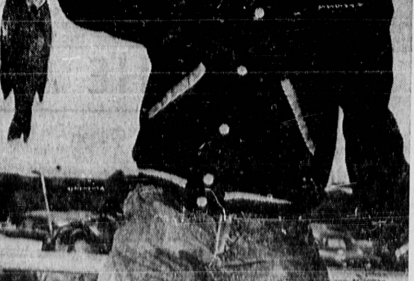
First place costume prizes went to two Torrance youths. Barbara Carse, 11, of 4228 W. 182nd St., won first place for the best Becky Thatcher costume in the 11-15 age bracket and little Robbie Patten, 3, of 4119 W. 177th St., was chosen the youngest Huck Finn.

Other winners follow: Best Huck Finn, 10 years of age and under: Judy Cline, 9, Gardena; Sharon Flemmons, 9, Lawndale; 3—Karen Svec, 9, Lawndale.

Best Becky Thatcher, 10 years and under: 1—Charles Jalo, 13, Ocean Park; 2—Dicky Green, 12, Lawndale; 3—Bobby Rider, 11, Los Angeles.

Best Becky Thatcher, 11-15: 1—Barbara Carse, 11, 4228 W. 182nd St.; 2—Susan Brady, 11, Gardena.

Youngest Huck Finn—Robbie Patten, 4119 W. 177th St. (3 yrs.). Youngest Becky Thatcher—Mary Salter, Pasadena, (13 yrs.). Youngest fisherman—Timothy Banks, Los Angeles, (3 yrs.).



SOME CATCH ... Robert Guerrero, 12, of 4011 E. Demulson St. in Los Angeles was rewarded for his long trip to Alondra Park yesterday when he hoisted in one of the largest bluefin of the day. The fish went 10 inches. Robert caught it using pole, bent pin and worm in the best Huck Finn Day tradition.



LITTLE WINNERS ... Mary Salter, 3, came all the way from Pasadena to win the award as the youngest Becky Thatcher at Alondra Park yesterday. The youngest Huck Finn, Robbie Patten, 3, right, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Patten of 4119 W. 177th St. in Torrance.

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